

Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cushing, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Dent, Gale, Harwood, Hoffman, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Larsh, Mace, Marbury, McComas, Mitchell, Morgan, Mulliken, Negley, Noble, Peter, Schlosser, Smith, of Dorchester, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Turner—42.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Wooden,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that Dr. John Swope is detained from his seat in this Convention by sickness in his family.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Appointment, Tenure of Office, &c., of Civil Offices;

The question being on the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. Ridgely, to wit:

Sec. 4, eighth line, strike out the words "but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State."

Mr. Ridgely withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Purnell submitted the following amendment:

Amend section 4, in sixth line, by inserting after the word "thereafter," the following: "Provided, however, that immediately after the commissioners shall have convened after their election under this Constitution, they shall be divided by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be—the commissioners of the first class go out of office at the expiration of two years, and commissioners shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, for the term of four years, to supply their places, so that, after the first election, one-half of the commissioners may be chosen every second year; provided, that in no case shall any commissioner be placed in a class which shall entitle him to serve for a longer term than that for which he was elected; in case the number of commissioners be hereafter increased in any of the counties of this State, such classification of the additional commissioners shall be made as to preserve as nearly as may be an equal number in each class."

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Todd submitted the following amendment: